

## **Command Sergeant Major Dale P. Hanavan**

Command Sgt. Maj. Dale P. Hanavan was born and raised in Buffalo, N.Y. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps upon graduating from South Park High School and completed Basic Training and Advanced Infantry Training at Parris Island, S.C. After serving four years in the Marine Corps and five years in the Marine Corps Ready Reserve, he joined the Army Reserve.

Hanavan has served in the military for more than 29 years in various assignments throughout the United States and overseas, to include the 2nd Marine Division, 1st Marine Air Wing, 2nd Force Services Support Group, 403rd Civil Affairs Company, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force Forward, 403rd Civil Affairs Battalion, 7th Battalion, 98th Division, 1st Battalion, 322nd Regiment, 3rd Battalion, 322nd Regiment, 3rd Battalion, 309th Regiment, and the 2nd Battalion, 313th Regiment, Fort Drum, N.Y.

Hanavan has held leadership positions as a team leader, squad leader, platoon sergeant, detachment sergeant, motor sergeant, first sergeant, operations sergeant major, and command sergeant major and is presently serving as the command sergeant major for the 2nd Battalion, 309th Regiment Combat Support, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

He holds a master's degree in Business Administration from Columbia College. His military education includes Basic Training, 2nd Marine Division Heavy Drivers Course, Basic Mechanics School, Vehicle Recovery Operations Course, Combat Civil Affairs Course, Total Army Instructor Training Course, Primary, Basic, and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Courses, and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy.

His awards and decorations include Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Naval Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal w/bronze star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Campaign Medal (SA), Kuwait Liberation Medal (K), Noncommissioned Officer Development Ribbon with numeral 4, Army Service Ribbon, Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 'M' device and numeral 3.